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MINUTE OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

October 5, 2005

The meeting was convened by Dr. Ann Fritz, Chair, at 4:05 p.m., in the Library Conference Room, 4440.

Present: Ann Fritz, Sam Guccione, Olaf Hoerschelmann, Allen Lanham, Peggy Holmes Layman, Chris Mitchell, Marina Marjanovic, and Frances Murphy

Not Present: Monty Bennett, Jose Deustua, Harrison Green, Olivet Jagushah, Mukti Upadhyay, Dawn VanGunten and Eric Hake

I. Welcome and Comments

The minutes from the September 21, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

II. Communications

Communication was received from Monty Bennett and Harrison Green regarding their inability to attend today's meeting. Dawn VanGunten has resigned from Board and Peggy Holmes Layman, currently an alternate for the College of Education and Professional Studies, will complete her term. Faculty Senate will be contacted regarding an alternate being appointed to the board.

III. Old Business

One Book, One University – Communication was received from Bud Fisher suggesting additional titles for the board to consider when deciding on next year's title. Dean Lanham gave the board the history of the One Book, One Community project that started several years ago in Seattle and Chicago and discussed what Booth Library's plans are in relation to this project. Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* was chosen by last year's Board to be the One Book, One University selection for 2005 because it coincided with the traveling exhibition, *Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature*, soon to be in residence at Booth Library.

Currently, the Board is being asked to consider books to be used as summer-themed courses for 2007. Dean Lanham advised that more success has been realized with books that are classics or of modern philosophical thought. Discussion ensued regarding: surveying student classes for student and faculty input; length of book; connecting a book with a corresponding movie, graphic arts format; using a more modern/contemporary author; defining goals; and, the value of publicity. It was suggested that since many students find it difficult to find time to read for pleasure that a more popular book, like the *Da Vinci Code*, or a book from the banned book list, might make this project more appealing. It was agreed by the Board that this is a worthwhile project and a valuable experience for all involved. To allow time to develop the program, a new title must to be chosen during the spring 2006 semester.

IV. New Business

Dean's Report

Personnel Issues

Booth Library's Committee Rosters were distributed showing the library committees and members. Dean Lanham briefly discussed the duties of several of the committees and reminded board members that they were welcome to attend any committee meetings.

As of October 1, 2005, there was a state-wide civil service reclassification for the library positions which resulted in the collapse of many classifications, not all of which are used at Eastern, into five classifications. This reclassification caused upgrades and raises for two library clerk positions.

Service Issues

At the conclusion of the *Frankenstein* exhibition, the location for the new books display will be moved from the Atrium to the Marvin Foyer to allow more space in the Atrium for best sellers and graphic novels.

A draft of Booth Library's newsletter, *Notebooth*, was distributed. This edition will be published the week of October 10, 2005.

Budget Issues

Due to the length of the meeting, review of the FY2006 Book and Materials Budget was postponed to the next meeting, set for November 30, 2005.

Planning Issues

Dean Lanham gave a brief update for the plans and programs offered during the *Frankenstein* exhibition, beginning with the Gala Opening on Thursday, October 20, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. All Board members were invited to attend. Chair, Ann Fritz, will participate in the program.

Other

Booth Library will have a visitor from the University of Botswana, October 18-21, 2005. Edwin Qubose is visiting as part of a program sponsored by the Mortenson Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an organization which fosters relationship between international and American libraries and their communities.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2005.

Respectfully submitted by:

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